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Two Shade Tree Commissions Keep Princeton in Full Leaf

It isn't necessarily true that Princeton residents think more of trees than they do of each other. But the tree is worshipped in both Borough and Township with a Druid-like fervor.

Each municipality has its own Shade Tree Commission, appointed by the mayors. Commission members are knowledgeable and hard-working, professional in their expertise and diligence, even though they may be only amateurs in status.

The Township's Shade Tree Commission, whose chairman is now Philip Kissam, was founded in the late '40s to enable the Township to cut down trees legally. Mercer County's shade tree commission was sternly charged with granting permission to municipalities to chop down trees, but for some reason, the county commissioners at that time habitually did not act on Township requests.

So the Township cut the trees anyway. Since the law states that a local commission takes precedence over the county commission, it seemed like a good idea to set up a Township Shade Tree Commission.

Want a Tree, Cheap? Homeowners in the Township who would like a tree or two, near the right-of-way, may apply to the Commission. There is a list of about two dozen acceptable trees, drawn up by James Clark who used to be in charge of trees and shrubs for the University before he retired.

The home-owner stops in at the Township Engineer's office and picks out the trees he'd like to have. The general rule is one tree every 50 feet. Trees must be five-laden feet inside the Township-owned right-of-way.

Mr. Clark goes out to the house and inspects: Is the spacing correct? Has the householder made a wise choice of trees, considering his property?

If the application is approved, the house-owner pays the Township $10 for each tree.

The orders are placed with a nursery. The Engineering Department comes to the house and drives in stakes where trees are to be planted.

Then sometimes in April or October, the Township's road department arrives with the trees and does the planting, noting down the date.

The owner of the property must agree (1) to: pour a pool of water around the planted tree, forming an earth "dam" to hold the water in; (2) refill the pool once, after the water has soaked in; (3) repeat watering two days after planting and again five days after planting.

Where soil is poor, Shade Tree Commissioners will recommend fertilizing. And, maybe, spraying.

The following May, June and July, or in drought, be must repeat at least once a week. If the tree dies, the owner loses his $10: the Township will not replace.

This April, the Shade Tree Commission ordered about a dozen trees. Usually it's closer to 20. The plan began in October, 1963, and roughly 30-40 trees a year have been planted all over the Township, chiefly in newly-built areas. Only about one tree dies out of every 20 planted.

And Transplants. Under the Commission's guidance, the Township has also transplanted 70-75 evergreens in the last seven years, digging them out of the rough area across Route 206 from the present recreation complex. This program will be continued, to thin out evergreens on the land, and to provide free shield planting around the new paddle-tennis courts.

A yearly budget of $2,150 is set aside for the Shade Tree Commission in the Township. It goes toward buying trees, trimming existing ones, removing stumps, and so on.

This year, engineers have lined up 15 stumps to be removed: they get in the way of grass-mowing machines and snow-plows.

Members of the Township Shade Tree Commission, besides Dr. Kissam and Mr. Clark are Edwin C. Hutter, Mrs. J. K. Delano and John Clausen.

More than 60 trees will be planted this spring in the Borough by the Shade Tree Commission in that municipality.

The Borough's newest street, Sturges Way, will get 17 trees at the request of its residents. Probably the trees will be Chinese Chinese scholar trees although a final decision hasn't been made.

Along Nassau, 16 new trees will be planted including three sawtooth oaks donated by Princeton Nurseries. These will be planted along "gasoline row:" one in front of the Sunoco station, 1 in front of the Esso station and one near the Jack and Jill Store.

The other 12 will be red oaks, to be planted on both sides of Nassau east of Washington Road, ending at that sawtooth oak at the Sunoco station.

Moore Street, from Park Place to Wiggins, will get 14 new Calery pear trees. Those are the pear trees that line both sides of Witherspoon, north from Nassau.

Along the north side of Avalon Place, bordering the YMCA and its playing field, the Borough will plant 10 scarlet oaks. In 1957, when Avalon was put through, a row of pin-oaks was planted across the street along the south side of the street, but the north side has remained treeless.

Three trees — kind still undecided — will go along Witherspoon between Franklin Avenue and the main entrance to Princeton Hospital.

Shade for Play. On the replacement list is a new gingko, to be planted on John Street near Clay to shade the playground.

Another playground, this one on Pine Street, already has a brand-new shade tree, planted last Saturday by the First Presbyterian Junior High Fellowship. A row of poplars has been planted along the warehouse wall that hems in one side of the little Pine

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How to Pick a Tree for Princeton's Streets

Trees that are hardy, immune to exhaust fumes from cars, branched to give clear passageway to vehicles, and "different" without being grotesque, are the ones chosen by Borough Shade Tree Commissioners for city planting.

The Chinese Scholar Tree is a new favorite. It is medium-sized, high enough for trucks to drive under, yet not over-powering in its height, as a 100-foot oak can be.

A legume, it has a fibrous root system like the honey locust, (same family) and no "hips," as some experts call the humps in tree roots. Harleigh Kemmerer, head of the Shade Tree Commission, points out that this kind of root system means the tree won't begin to pry up sidewalks in a few years.

In August, the Scholar Tree produces yellow-white panicles that are dramatic, when seen en masse.

The Kentucky Coffee Tree is another Princeton newcomer. It, too, has the high branching pattern that makes it ideal for streets. In summer, it displays a cool, fine-textured leaf. But in winter, it reveals bold, almost gnarled branches whose pattern can be extremely decorative against the snow.

The male has no pods. The female has leathery pods which can be a nuisance to clean up, but are so hard that pedestrians are unlikely to slip on them.

"We bought a variety of Coffee Tree that isn't potented, so we don't know," Mr. Kemmerer admits, "but we hope we've planted males."

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Street playground. Trees were donated by Princeton Nurseries.

North of One Palmer Square, at the head of Palmer Square East behind the post office, Shade Tree planters will plant two trees this spring.

Arnold Ryden, secretary of the Borough's Shade Tree Commission, consults his records and counts 70 trees planted since last spring.

That includes the 15 littleleaf linden planted along Bayard Lane last fall, some Kentucky coffee trees on Spring Street and the 10 Chinese Scholar trees planted at Princeton High School along Houghton.

No humor intended in that last planting, by the way. The Commission simply thinks that Chinese scholar trees are good shade trees.

Want a Tree? Borough householders who want a tree in the right-of-way get one tree, in contrast to that $10 Township property - owners have to pay. But the request isn't automatically filled. Shade Tree Commissioners visit the property, investigate and make the final determinationof just what kind of tree.

At the moment, the Commission has been asked to replace a giant tree that was cut down in front of 234-236 Nassau, just west of Chestnut.

The Shade Tree Commission has a budget of $2,500 "and we will accept donations," says Mr. Ryden. Friends will sometimes give a tree in memory of someone who has died, and the Commission plans to install small plaques on these trees.

In contrast to the veteran Township organization, the Borough's Shade Tree Commission has only been in formal existence since 1964. Before that time, trees were more or less in the province of the engineer's office.

In the years since the Commission was formally established, many large old trees have succumbed to the prolonged drought that plagued the eastern seaboard for six years.

Large trees, Mr. Ryden explains, take a long time to die and many trees damaged in that drought are still standing but doomed.

Besides planting, Shade Tree Commissioners also dig up Stumps especially. Renting a stump - removal machine, the Borough moves from downed tree to downed tree. There were 100 stumps at the beginning of April, and 26 of these have now been removed. The machine will be back later this spring and again in the fall.

Chairman of the Borough's Shade Tree Commission is Harleigh R. Kemmerer and vice-chairman is Mrs. E. Cowenhoven Stuart. Other members are Mrs. Jeanne French; Raymond S. Willis Jr. and Alan W. Carrick, who is Borough Council's representative.

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Gypsy Moth May Settle Here in Five Years

The Princeton area will escape a Gypsy Moth epidemic this summer, but state entomologists warn that the moth may strike here in force in the next five years. (Incedentally, don't confuse the moth with the grey web of the tent caterpillar. Quite different.) "New Jersey's biggest pest of all time," is the way the moth is characterized by the state's Division of Plant Industry.

Actually, some spotty damage may be done to trees in this area by the moth, according to John Kegg, entomologist in the Division, but most of the damage is expected in the north.

The Gypsy moth is not native. It was "imported," so to speak, and is ominously working its way south from the northern New Jersey areas. Mr. Kegg says Somerset County is the closest it will come this summer, although some moths have jumped Mercer County to settle down in Monmouth.

The gypsy moth is an insect which lays eggs in leaves. The caterpillars hatch right now — in late April or very early May — and for six or eight weeks, simply chew all the foliage off a tree. Damage isn't usually apparent until June. The caterpillar is omniverous, relishing oak, hickory, maple and even spruce and hemlock.

Householders can use the common insecticide called Sevin, one of the safer insecticides. Mr. Kegg says. It breaks down easily and doesn't build up in fats, as DDT does.

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YOU CAN BEAT SHADE

In Growing Grass. Mature trees and the shade they afford at a home site are certainly worth more than the occasional problems they present.

Fortunately, something can be done about the problem of maintaining ground cover despite diminished light and the drain on soil moisture by tree roots, the Lawn Institute says.

Properly blended lawnseed, combined with stepped-up feeding and high mowing, generally allows the luxury of both tree and turf, it adds.

For much of the country, shade seed blends contain fine fescues, noted for tolerance of dry, infertile soil often associated with shade, the Institute points out.

Even such stalwarts as the fine fescues need assistance in heavy shade. Tall mowing adds green leaf in compensation for the reduced sunlight. More frequent fertilization better provides for both tree and grass.

And, though dormant fine fescues wait out drought well, thorough watering will be needed to keep grass green if dry weather persists.

One of the chief causes for grass loss in the shade is the greater severity of disease there, the Institute explains. While it is almost impossible to prevent disease, the better lawngrasses usually recover adequately.

Michigan State University tests show that over a period of years the fine fescues revived best, and gradually came to dominate the lawn under the trees.

NOT TOO DEEP

In Planting Tree or Shrub. When you dig to plant a new tree or shrub, here's something equally vital to keep in mind if you expect your plant to live. Take a good look at it and note the soil mark on the trunk, indicating the depth it stood in the nursery.

Then, when you plant, be sure your tree or shrub has just the same amount of soil covering the root ball, and no more. Planting too deep can smother the roots.

Do yourself and your tree a favor by backfilling the hole with high quality garden topsoil mixed with peatmoss or compost, Mr. Lacey also suggests.

Prune the branches back at least one-third from their tips no matter how much it hurts you. Water the tree well, but don't use any fertilizer.

Green Thumb Tips

It's best to apply lime in your garden as far ahead of planting as possible. This gives the lime a chance to start its soil adjustment action before seeds are planted or plants are set.

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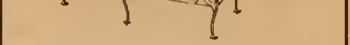
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Interest in Tennis Far Exceeds Number of Available Courts

It's 4 o'clock and a beautiful spring afternoon. Perfect for a game of tennis.

A fine idea but the chances here in Princeton are greater than ever that there won't be an available court on which to play. The inescapeable fact is that the number of tennis players in the area is growing faster than gerbils, while the number of available courts has remained static.

The problem was underscored by R. Donald Barr, executive director of the Princeton Recreation Department, this month at a meeting of the Joint Recreation Board. Said he, "We're slowly but surely running out of courts for individuals who just want to come and play tennis. There are too many organizations using them."

The Recreation Department has six hard surface and nine fast dry courts at Community Park. Add to these the courts at Princeton University, Princeton High School, Princeton Day School and the Hun School and the total is 74. It is probably safe to say then that the number of courts in Princeton open to the public at one time or another does not exceed 100.

The Demand. Against these is an ever - growing list of those who want to schedule the courts. Heading the list is the highly-successful Princeton Community Tennis Program. Mrs. Eve Kraft, dynamic originator and moving force behind the program, told the board, "We have close to 1,000 students a week scheduled — the highest we've ever had. And it goes up every year."

She told the board they have had to use private courts to handle the load. "Where do we go from here?" she asked. "We have a program that doesn't lose old people and is constantly getting new ones."

She also reported that there are 40 girls out for junior varsity and varsity tennis at the high school, in addition to the boys team. "We've never had this many before, they never even had a coach before." The high school has six courts.

The Princeton Middle Schools now teach tennis and use the Community Park courts after school. Another group formed last year, the Princeton Women's Tennis Team, which began with four doubles and one singles team and is expanding, uses the Community Courts twice a week.

John Conroy

The courts most frequently available to the public in the spring when school courts are still being used by the students are the 15 at Community Park. A weekday afternoon in the spring between 3 to 5 was described as the period when the courts were most crowded.

Vying for the courts at Community Park are the season and individual tickets holders. Last year, 263 purchased family tennis permits, as well as 79 individuals 16 and over and 34 under 16. In addition, there were 30 non resident permit holders or a total of more than 400.

"There is no question the town is out playing tennis," summed up Mrs. Kraft.

The Solution. The obvious solution is to build more courts. But where?

"The demand exists and the demand should be satisfied," said board member John Conroy, who is also tennis coach at Princeton University. "It is not a very expensive operation.

Mr. Conroy suggested building more hard surface courts at Community Park.

"We should have one tennis center rather than decentralize," he said. He envisioned a center at Community Park that would employ a full-time tennis supervisor complete with a tennis shop where one could buy rackets and balls and have restringing done.

"If you build a center like that, it would knock out two baseball diamonds," interjected Mr. Barr.

Decentralize? "Any further tennis development in the community should be decentralized to neighborhood parks where possible," was the recommendation of Planning Associates, the firm that has prepared the master plan for Community Park. What room was left on the south side of Route 206 it felt should be devoted to other lawn and court games, such as handball, basketball, volleyball and badminton that would compliment the tennis courts.

Locating more courts on the opposite side of Route 206, where the Recreation Department has plans for an ice rink and golf course, was ruled out because the task of leveling the sloping terrain would be "too costly."

One proposal was to suggest to the Board of Education that it build courts on Middle School land. No matter what the outcome, one thing seems sure: the tennis crunch in Princeton will grow worse before it improves.

Green Thumb Tips

The exact type of soil in your garden is not as important as some other requirements. Your soil should be well drained, adequately supplied with organic matter, retain moisture and be reasonably free of stones.

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FIGHTING THE BATTLE Against Lawn Diseases. Most of the grasses in lawns grow under artificial conditions and are more subject to attack by disease organisms than they would be in a natural environment. Healthy, vigorously growing, adapted lawn grasses that are properly managed can best survive disease attacks.

The homeowner's best defense against lawn diseases is to follow these basic orniciples of lawn establishment and maintenance.

- Select grasses adapted to the soil, climatic, and light conditions under which they will be grown.
- Spend the necessary time, effort and money on caring for the lawn. In addition to disease control, lawn care includes proper fertilizing, watering, mowing and insect and week control

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For more information on establishment and maintenance of lawns see your county agricultural agent or State extension service specialist, or write to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C.20250.

Proper care does not completely prevent or cure diseases but it helps to curb them so that chemical controls can be more effective if they become necessary.

Knowing how to diagnose the most common causes of dead or injured grass and knowing the recommended treatments for various unhealthy conditions will help the homeowner to prevent serious lawn damage. Poor turf may be due to disease or to any one of a combination of other causes — undesirable or unadapted species, insect damage, fertilizer and chemical burning, dog urine, improper mowing, improper watering, localized dry spots, and compacted soil.

Undesirable Species Short-lived perennials like rellop and rye grass or weedy annuals such as annual bluegrass and crabgrass do not make a desirable lawn. Annual species usually die at the end of the season and leave brown or bare areas that may be mistaken for disease injury.

Undesirable Mixtures Bermudagrasses and zoysiagrasses turn straw colored or brown following a killing frost. When these species are grown in a sod composed mainly of cool-season grasses, a mottled brown and green lawn often results because of the differences in sensitivity to cold. This effect may resemble disease injury.

Insect Injury Lawn grasses are often damaged by insect pests. For information concerning lawn insects and their control, see your county agent or write to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Address above)

Fertilizer Burn Concentrated inorganic fertilizers if applied too heavily, burn grass in two or three days. Burned areas may occur in spots or streaks or the entire lawn may be damaged. To prevent injury apply the fertilizer evenly in recommended amounts when the grass is dry then water immediately. If burning occurs, water generously to wash off excess fertilizer and reduce injury.

Improper Mowing Cutting grass too closely or too frequently may result in a condition that looks like disease. Cut Kentucky bluegrass red fescue, and other grasses with upright growth habit to a height of one and three quarters to two inches. Do not lower the height of cutting in mid-season, it may result in serious injury.

Mow the grass before it gets too tall; not more than one-half the leaf surface should be removed at one time. The frequency of mowing will depend on the quantity of fertilizer and water applied, weather conditions and other factors that influence plant growth. Clippings need not be removed unless growth is excessive.

Improper Watering Frequent light watering induces shallow rooting in grasses. Shallow-rooted grasses are readily injured during periods of severe drought. Frequent evening watering favors disease development, because it keeps grass leaves moist for long periods.

Do not water grass until it begins to wilt, then apply enough water to soak the soil to a depth of six inches or more. It is more economical to water the lawn only when water is needed and it is better for the grass.

Buried Debris. A thin layer of soil over rocks or debris such as lumber stumps, plaster and cement dries rapidly and may not retain enough moisture to keep grass green. Correct this situation by removing the cause.

Accumulation of Runners. Another type of dry spot results when an accumulation of runners (thatch) in bermudagrass, bentgrass and zoysiagrass, becomes impervious and does not let water into the soil. Mowing following vigorous hand raking corrects this condition.

Compacted Soils. Saturated soils pack easily and bake hard when dry, especially where traffic is heavy. The soil may become packed so hard that water will not penetrate the surface. Grass then thins out and bare spots result. To correct this condition, loosen or perforate the soil with a tined fork or aerifying implement and, if necessary, fertilize and reseed the lawn.

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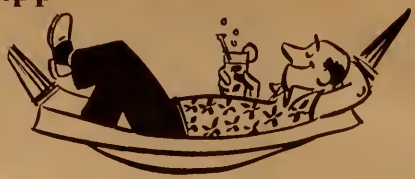

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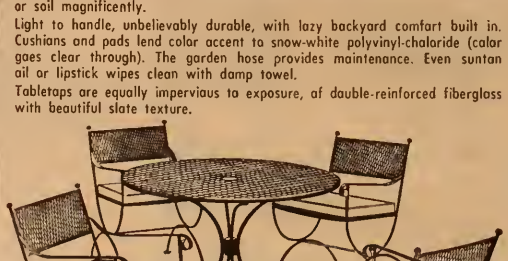

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Open Spaces Beckon Princeton's Nature-Lovers

Over 1,000 acres of open space wildlands have been acquired by Princeton Township's Open Space Commission since its founding ten years ago.

This means that within the boundaries of Princeton are 1,477 acres, free for the roaming. Swamp lands and high, dry uplands . . . 169 species of birds and a sandbox for the kids . . . "Open Space" in Princeton has a meaning for everyone.

The Open Space Committee, as it was then called, was charged by Township Committee in October, 1960, with the task of making a survey of active-passive recreation areas and how many acres for recreation should be acquired by a municipality the size of Princeton Township.

("Active" recreation is batting a ball around. "Passive" means watching a bird.)

National standards indicated that for a community Princeton's size 2,500 acres should be the eventual open space goal — 25% of the land area of Princeton Township. At the time the survey was begun, the municipality had 252 acres. It now has 1,477 and 728 more are in the planning or negotiating stages.

Caldwell Park Is New. One of the newest bits of Open Space in the development stage is Caldwell Park between Bertrand Drive and Herrontown Road in the Shadybrook area. It was given to the Township by Carl Geiger, developer of Shadybrook.

Still in rough - hewn stage, it is regarded as a kind of pilot for the kind of place a neighborhood park could be, and eventually it will have a backstop for ballgames, a sandbox for the very little leaguer and shade for parents to enjoy.

HERRONTOWN WOODS TRAIL: Young walkers explore one of the marked trails through Herrontowo Woods on Snowden Lane. (Open Space Commission Photo)

Four areas of the wild life variety, are open to walkers and nature lovers throughout the year. They are **Woodfield**, a 100-acre reservation off The Great Road; **Herrontown Woods**, Mercer County's 87-acre arboretum on Snowden Lane; the **Wildlife Refuge**, 39 acres of lowlands along the canal, reached from Lower Alexander Street and the **Autumn Hill Reservation**, 72 acres of woodland on Herrontown Road, bordering Montgomery Township.

For each Open Space area there is a citizens committee which does the housekeeping. At Autumn Hill, for example, the committee is working to make this new open space acquisition available soon for family picnics and even some camping. Potable water is the problem here.

Unfortunately, Autumn Hill bears the long scar of Transcontinental Pipeline's recent work. Citizens on the committee say that Transco still hasn't lived up to its promise of ecological repair, and that much of the area is full of rocks and boulders.

Eventually, Autumn Hill may be a sledding place for children and a beginners' ski slope. But first, the treacherous rocks have to be removed.

Three Miles of Trails — Just off The Great Road in the Woodfield tract are three miles of woodland trails. On Wednesday afternoons, Princeton's public school children go on nature hikes through this woodland, exclaiming over the big Council Rock formation from whose summit you can look right into the tops of the tall tulip trees.

This year, in Woodfield, there is a new short trail built especially for toddlers. It goes down to the brook, and is just a long enough walk for short legs.

The Wildlife Refuge is described by bird-lovers with awe. It is the nesting place of a pair of prothonotary warblers, and is probably the northernmost place in the entire country for these birds.

It is possibly unique also in the number of migrating warblers that make it a way stop. Nature-lovers have counted 35 different warbler species.

Bordering the canal, the Refuge is a swampy area leased under a ten-year agreement

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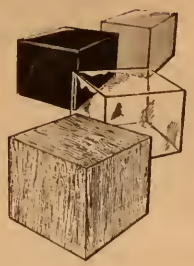

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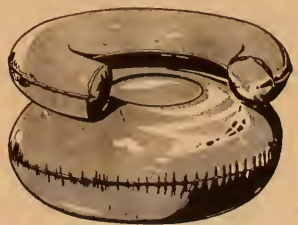

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AS IT WAS TWO CENTURIES AGO: Batsto Village in Wharton Forest in Southern New Jersey has been restored as an excellent example of early American industrial life. The village was active during the period 1766 to 1850 when this part of New Jersey was an iron and glass producing center. It is open daily as a Museum with guide service.

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from the Princeton Water Company. Despite its swampiness, however, it has no mosquitoes because the Open Space Commission has carefully provided houses for purple martins who live on mosquitoes. Also, the waters are full of minnows, which eat mosquito larvae.

It is here, by the way, that bird experts have counted 169 different species of birds.

Herrontown Woods is probably known to every child in Mercer Coutnuynty. More than 5,000 school children tramped the trails and skipped across the rock bridges of the streams during the past year.

Herrontown Woods is marked with several complete trails so that hikers can take a long walk, a short one, or even a middle-sized stroll. But the Woods are hilly and rocky and the paths sometimes wet from the streams.

Herrontown is typical of the rocky highlands of the Township, underlain by diabase, one of the hardest rocks known to geologists.

Because of this rocky base, the Open Space Commission feels strongly that the northern Township should be developed ooly with great caution.

Rainwater that falls in the Township's rocky forests is held in by the trees and released gradually. If trees were cut and the area developed, the ecology would be so drastically altered that even the micro-climate of the Borough — to the south of this area — would be changed, Commission experts say.

FOR OUTDOOR FURNITURE Beauty Treatment Helpful. Outdoor furniture may need a beauty treatment before it faces summer sun and weather. So look yours over to see what reconditioning it needs, suggests Gena Thames, specialist in home furnishing at the Rutgers College of Agriculture and Environmental Science.

First hose them off, then dip damp 2-0 steel wool soap pads into a cleanser powder like Babo, Ajax, Comet or Dutch Cleanser. Keep surface wet while you rub, theo rinse and dry.

Apply an aluminum preservative or a penetrating sealer designed for metal to prevent further corrosion and maintain a sheen, using an old nylon stocking.

Remove rust on wrought iron or other metal frames with a stiff wire brush and a scraper. Then rub with 2-0 steel wool to remove remaining corrosion.

To prevent further rusting, apply an anti-corrosive primer. Then apply one or two thin coats of indoor-outdoor type enamel, or one that's intended for metals.

Enamels designed for painting machinery, too, may be used. They come in attractive colors and dry to a low sheen.

These enamels can take expansion and contraction due to summertime temperature changes. They produce a tough, durable finish that adheres exceptionally well.

If you want to restore the original color to weathered redwood furniture, apply a redwood finish. For other wood outdoor furniture, if a natural finish is desired, rag on a penetrating wood sealer designed for outdoors.

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May Plant Market Saves a Lot of Driving

ONE-STOP SHOPPING for garden plants suitable to the Central New Jersey area will be available at the Stony Brook Garden Club's May Market on May 13 at 15 Hodge Road. Planning for the event are (from left) Mrs. John H. Heber, chairman, Mrs. C. Pardee Foulke and Mrs. R. Kenneth Fairman, accompanied by Margo Heber, in the foreground. Mrs. Foulke's ivy tree in the center shows what you can do with a little patience.

Each year, the Stony Brook Garden Club of Princeton offers a one-day only market place for plants from some of the outstanding nurseries. The 11th annual May Market will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at "Westland," 15 Hodge Road, former home of President Grover Cleveland.

"We go to the trouble of selecting plant materials that will do well here," Mrs. John R. Heber, this year's chairman, states. The hours are from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the pouring rain date is May 13.

New this year for pioneering gardeners are "Madam Butterfly," a hybrid snapdragon; "Sweet Bippy," a much discussed double rose and a white petunia, and "Belero," a new dwarf marigold.

Also new is a very prolific cocktail tomato, known as "Small Fry," which is an All America selection. The Rutgers developed hybrid tomato, "Ramapo" offered for the first time at last year's May Market, was sold out in the first hour. Customers who tried it have been calling the committee to make sure it will be offered again this year. And it will.

Civic Projects Benefit. Proceeds of the May Market go to the Stony Brook Garden Club's civic projects, which include maintenance of two gardens at historic Rockingham in Rocky Hill, planter boxes at the Pine Street and John Street Playgrounds, and the planting of an area at Marquand Park. On Memorial Day, the club's colonial rose garden at Rockingham will be in full bloom, and a sight worth seeing.

The May Market will offer seven or eight varieties of fuchia, a plant that copes nicely with Princeton gardeners' shade problems. It prefers most shade, and is great for putting in a hanging basket or in a window.

"The ones that I'm most excited about," Mrs. Heber reports, are 'Winston Churchill,' an upright that comes in tones of pink and purple; 'Angel's Flight,' a trailer that is the most gorgeous thing in the world with the loveliest shades of pink and paler pink inside; and 'Little Beauty,' with colors of rose and lavender-blue that look like they belong in a silk scarf."

"You'll find hanging baskets at the May Market filled with ivy leaf geraniums mixed with ivy or with the trailing fuchia.

There will be a great number of geraniums — four or five colors will be available. Many are potted; some come in nursery packs. You'll also find wildflowers from a southern New Jersey nursery.

If you've never tried an ivy tree as an accent for your front door, or the pool or in pairs along garden steps, you will find them at the May Market. The trees are two and three feet high, featuring a luxurient growth of curly ivy or delicate Merion Beauty ivy. The 24" tree is $10.

"Gay Paree" Petunia. The club went all out on petunias, selecting 12 different kinds, ranging from singles and doubles to trailing. All are named varieties such as "Gay Paree" (red-and-white stripe); "Fandango" (blue and white), and "Blue Danube" (a deep blue).

The newly-developed "Pansy Three Seasons" will be on hand. It will bloom all summer long, and it likes a little shade. To keep the plant from getting leggy, be sure to pick the flowers every other day. The colors are yellow, blue or white.

For shady garden beds, the May Market will offer begonias — both single and double flower varieties; and among the impatiens, the new "Elfin"

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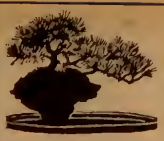
Safe Pesticides, Etcetera

There will be a list of DDT-free pesticides for your garden at the May Market of the Stony Brook Garden Club. The list, compiled by the Audubon Society, outlines typical plant diseases, the safe pesticide to use, and the proper timing.

"People are being told what NOT to do by the ecologists, but they aren't being told what TO do," according to Mrs. R. Kenneth Fairman, chairman of the ecological booth.

There will also be literature on detergents recommended for low phosphate level, techniques for gardening without pesticides, and a very easy method of making a composte pile.



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which is shorter than the variety known as "imp."

There will be snapdragons, browallia, vinca, hard-to-get blue salvia, marigolds, and the old - fashioned ground cover, verbena, which is coming back into fashion in the garden world.

The market will offer dianthus, statice, alyssum, dwarf iris, columbine, iberis, asters, ageratum, priuroses, foxglove and phlox.

A Variety of Herbs. There will be such herbs as basil, taragon, thyme, curly mint, apple mint and parsley. And for the gourmet, bibb lettuce.

If you love daisies, the May Market is prepared, offering English daisies ("everybody wants these — they do so well in summer," Mrs. Heher comments); shasta daisies and the Boston daisy that was so hard to obtain last year.

Committee members this year are Mrs. J. Taylor Woodward, Mrs. C. Pardee Foulke, Mrs. Marshal Dana, Mrs. Francis M. Austin Jr., Mrs. William P. Howe, Mrs. R. Kenneth Fairman and Mrs. E. Cowenhoven Stuart.

Patrons of the market will also have an opportunity to order spring flowering bulbs for fall delivery from a group of Sweet Briar College alumnae.

Green Thumb Tips

"Damping off" disease is often brought on by overhead watering of seedlings in flats. Instead of overhead watering, try placing a two and one-half inch pot in the center of the flat. Add water to the pot, and this will keep the flat moist without overhead watering. Soak the flat well before sowing the seeds.

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"THE TREE": Almost famous in Princeton as the Mercer Oak is this ancient catalpa on the corner of Park Place and Vandeventer Avenue. Judging by its five-foot diameter, it is probably 200 years old, according to Harleigh B. Kemmerer, chairman of the Borough Shade Tree Commission and head of campus landscaping at Princeton University. The tree could live ten to 20 more years, Mr. Kemmerer says. Branches die each year, but new growth replaces them and the tree still blooms each spring and produces seed pods. Its distorted shape is due to some accident — a violent windstorm, perhaps, or deliberate pruning — because catalpas normally grow straight as fence-posts for which they are often used. Catalpa wood is hard and durable, and that's why this tree retains so many dead branches — the wood just doesn't rot. Sadly, today, nobody is taking care of the tree. It isn't on the right-of-way, so the Shade Tree Commission can't help, and Mr. Kemmerer points out that many of its supporting braces and cables have broken away.

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ARE YOU A BEGINNER?

These Thoughts May Help. Planting and caring for living shrubs and trees on the home property provides healthy exercise and relaxation from everyday tensions and strains of modern business.

Garden living affords the individual, as well as the family, pleasure and entertainment. "Surprisingly enough," the American Association of Nurserymen says, "planting and landscaping more than pays for itself in the increased resale value of the property, to say nothing of the pleasure and enjoyment it brings the homeowner."

How do you plant a garden for health and pleasure?

First, make a list of the plants that appeal most to you and to your family. Consider such things as size and color. The local nursery is a good place to see the plants at their best and to make plant choices. Another good source for plant materials are nursery catalogues that list plants available through your local nurseryman.

Next, ask the advice of a good nurseryman where and when to plant the things you like best, as well as how to arrange the planting for wholesome garden living. Nurserymen will be able to help you gear the individual planting to the amount of garden exercise and area of relaxation you desire.

An Hour a Week. For example, a garden of two dozen rose plants will take less than an hour or so of attention a week, including watering. About the same applies to camellias, azaleas, perennials and other plants. A half dozen dwarf fruit trees will fit into the same pattern.

With the help of a good nurseryman in selecting plant material, the homeowner can have almost anything he wants. Selections can be made that will provide plenty of beauty and shade, but will require little time or effort.

Gardening offers an excellent opportunity for healthy exercise and relaxation, as well as a means for wholesome family garden living — which does far more for the gardener and his family than it does for the plant material.

PUT PLANTS OUTDOORS

When Weather Turns Warm. Flowering and foliage plants that can be spared from their job of decorating house interiors should be given a vacation outdoors — when the weather becomes settled and warm — to strengthen them for the winter months indoors, says the Society of American Florists.

Now that spring is here, the Society suggests plant owners undertake these preliminary steps:

Discard plants that have outlived their usefulness, including those too big for their indoors niche and that cannot be reduced in size by pruning.

Prune, to promote symmetry or to reduce a plant's size, several weeks ahead of the time when it is safe to set plants outdoors.

Repot in larger pots those plants needing more room in which to grow.

If the pots are to be put into the earth, first use an insecticide to combat any insect pests on the plants, the Society advises.

It is better to group house plants together in an outdoor bed location providing a variety of conditions — full sun for

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Annuals Fill Those Empty Spaces In Your Garden

Every garden has odd corners or small areas that ordinarily add nothing to the garden picture but could easily be beautified with just a few plants of annual flowers.

Some of these areas demand a single fair-sized plant. These are good spots for a plant of tall-growing zinnia or marigold or perhaps a single spider plant, points out the National Garden Bureau.

Others need one or more low-growing plants. Annual phlox, viola, ageratum, dwarf marigold or dwarf zinnia are all excellent choices for massing or even planting in groups of three or six plants.

MAKE THE SMALLEST SPACES in your garden colorful with small plants to bloom all summer long.

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desert plants (cacti and succulents) amaryllis and geraniums; partial shade for azaleas, Christmas cactus and orchid cactus; and shade for foliage plants in general.

A spot near a high-headed tree or shrub whose foliage is not too dense, or in the vicinity of a building, may provide these various conditions. If not, the plants will have to be scattered in flower or shrub borders.

PLAN A 'KINDERGARTEN'

For the Very Young. Even the youngest members of your family can share the gardening fun if you let them have their own space for a "kindergarten."

A little garden especially for the pre-schoolers gives them a place where they can "work like daddy," using their own pint-size tools and raising their own vegetables or flowers.

Just set aside a plot of ground in a sunny location where the soil is well drained. A small child may want to build a little fence around his garden, no matter how small, to let everyone know that this is his own garden.

You'd better use a man size spade to break the soil and let your junior partner finish the job. Show him how to plant, water, weed, and harvest, but be sure he knows he has to do the work.

Try Radishes First. Radishes make a satisfactory first vegetable crop, suggests the Rutgers Extension Service. The seedlings break through the ground within three or four days, and it's only a matter of three to five weeks until harvest time. Rows can be as close together as 6 or 8 inches.

A child can start a new row every week or so, and keep the family in radishes until warm weather.

Let him study the pictures on the seed packages so he can decide which kinds he wants to grow — small all-red ones, red one tipped with white, long white icicles, or others you may find in your dealer's seed racks.

Little girls may prefer to grow flowers. Several kinds of annuals, such as zinnias and marigolds, thrive under the care of small thumbs just beginning to turn green.

And how about growing a Halloween pumpkin? Vines may grow to eye-popping size, and so may the pumpkin. However, you'll need a lot more room for this kindergarten crop.

Green Thumb Tips

If there's too much overshading of seedlings in flats they become pale, drawn and soft. This makes them an easy target for "damping off" disease. Allow full sun to 11 a.m., then shade to 2 or 3 o'clock, and back to full sun again to encourage hardening.

Safe Handling of Fungicides Important

Fungicides used improperly may cause injury to man and animals. Use them only when needed and handle them with care. Follow the directions and heed all precautions on the labels.

Mercury-containing pesticides are extremely poisonous. Be extra careful in preparing and applying them and in disposing of empty containers.

Keep pesticides in closed, well-labeled containers in a dry place. Store them where they will not contaminate food or feed, and where children and animals cannot reach them.

Avoid prolonged inhalation of pesticide dusts or mists.

Avoid spilling pesticide on your skin, and keep it out of your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you spill any on your skin, wash it off immediately with soap and water. If you spill it on your clothing, remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash the skin thoroughly. Launder the clothing before wearing it again.

To protect water resources, fish and wildlife, do not contaminate lakes, streams, or ponds with pesticide. Do not clean spraying equipment or dump excess spray material near such water.

Dispose of empty pesticide containers at a sanitary land-fill dump, or crush and bury them at least 18 inches deep in a level, isolated place where they will not contaminate water supplies. If you have trash-collection service, wrap small containers in heavy layers of newspapers and place them in the trash can.

— U.S. Department of Agriculture

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(pouring rain date: May 13)

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POOL and TENNIS COMPLEX

1970 Permit Application

	Pool	Tennis	Both (pool and tennis.) (Please circle one)
Princeton Township Resident			Princeton Borough Resident
Princeton Municipal Employee			Princeton Regional School Board Employee

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Family	$40.00		Adult (16 & over)	15.00	
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Name ..... Phone .....

Address .....

Did you hold a permit last year? Yes ..... No .....

First Name	Age*	Sex	Ht.	Wt.	Hair	Eyes	(Leave Blank) P	T
Individual Adult								
Individual Child								
Husband								
Wife								
Children								

** Please list age as of April 1, 1970. Adults need not list age.*

FREE SWIMMING INSTRUCTIONS

Registration for free swimming instruction at Community Pool will take place on Monday through Friday, May 18-22, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Parents are requested to come to Township Hall in order to register their children for the program. Contrary to last year, the instructional program will run from June 30 to August 21 as one session. The week of June 22-26 will serve as an evaluation period in which the instructors will classify the registered children in the water. Lessons will be offered to all individuals who are residents of the Borough or Township or season permit holders.

HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR SEASON PERMIT:

1. Fill out application blank.
2. Mail completed blank to: Recreation Department, Township Hall, Princeton, N. J.
3. A Check or money order made payable to: Princeton Recreation Department must be mailed with each application. (Please do not mail cash.)